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REMARKS - General

By the above amendments, applicants have amended claims 1-2, and 20.

In the changes made to the claims by the current amendment, ~~deletions are shown by strikethrough~~, and additions are underlined.

The amended claims 1 and 20 are supported by specification in paragraph 0225, among others, stating:

"FIG. 9 shows one aspect of a biodegradable stent **21** for treating vulnerable plaques or target tissue of a patient comprising at least two zones, the supporting zone being made of a first biodegradable material **24**; and a second therapeutic zone **23** made of a second biodegradable material **26**....."

The amended claims 1 and 20 are further supported by specification in paragraph 0116, among others, stating:

"In another aspect of the present invention, the target tissue may comprise vulnerable plaque, atherosclerotic plaque, tumor or cancer, brain tissue, vascular vessel or tissue, orthopedic tissue, ophthalmology tissue or the like."

The amended claim 2 is supported by specification in paragraph 0225, among others, stating:

".....a biodegradable stent **21** for treating vulnerable plaques or target tissue of a patient comprising at least two zones, wherein a first supporting zone **22A**, **22B** comprises at least a portion of continuous circumference (indicated by item 25) of the stent **21**,....."

Very respectfully,

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